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FOR EUR/CAN, OES/NET
DEPT PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR GERARD C. SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: TGEN, OVIP
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SMITH TO OTTAWA

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO CLEMENT/DUEMLING CONVERSATION OF SEPTEMBER 13 CONCERNING AGENDA AND TIMING FOR SMITH/JAMIESON MEETING. SCICOUNS TALKED TO LABERGE OF EXTAFF WHO GAVE THREE PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF INTEREST TO CANADA:
1) INTERIM AGREEMENT TO ALLOW SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN ORIGIN URANIUM TO GO THROUGH U.S. DIFFUSION PLANT AND TO YANKEE ATOMIC POWER CO. FOR FUEL. (1955 BILATERAL COVERS SAFEGUARDS ON SHIPMENT OUTSIDE U.S.; 1976 AGREEMENT COVERS SHIPMENT OF CANADIAN URANIUM TO ERDA ONLY AND EXPIRES MARCH 1978). GOC WANTS INTERIM AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE A) APPROVAL OF REPROCESSING, AND B) RIGHT OF AECSB TO TRACK FLOW OF MATERIAL WITHIN U.S. (ADLER OF OES/NET FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT).

2) FORMAL NEW US/GOC NUCLEAR BILATERAL AGREEMENT BEFORE MARCH 1978 DEADLINE. GOC THINKS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE NEW AGREEMENT WITH WEAPONS STATE (U.S.) AND U.S. WITH NON-WEAPONS STATE (CANADA) TO SERVE AS MODEL FOR AGREE-
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MENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THIS REGARD, GOC WOULD ALSO LIKE PRE-NEGOTIATION BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS ACTS ON NEW SAFEGUARDS POLICY LEGISLATION.

3) "DOUBLE-LABELLING"--RECENT BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL MEETINGS BETWEEN JAPAN, GOC, AND U.S. DID NOT RESOLVE QUESTION AND CANADA WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER

WITH AMBASSADOR SMITH EITHER DURING FORTHCOMING NSG MEETING IN LONDON OR DURING HIS VISIT TO CANADA.

2. ATTENDANCE--PROBABLE THAT GILLESPIE, MINISTER OF EM&R WILL PARTICIPATE IN JAMIESON/SMITH MEETING.

3. TIMING--KEY TO TIMING OF SMITH/JAMIESON MEETING IS TO HAVE NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN PLACE BEFORE MARCH 1978. THEREFORE, MEETING LATER IN OCTOBER PROBABLY SATISFACTORY. ENDERS

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